



# WPD News

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### WPD and DPD Arrests Same Juvenile Multiple Times for Auto Theft

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) and Derby Police Department (DPD) have arrested the same 14-year-old male multiple times since Saturday for multiple counts of auto theft and one count of aggravated battery.

At approximately 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, WPD officers responded to a suspicious character with a weapon call in the 2700 block of North Greenwich, regarding two juveniles attempting to enter a locked vehicle. During the investigation of the call, WPD officers located and arrested the 14-year-old who was seen running away from a stolen vehicle that had been left running earlier on Sunday. The case number on this incident is 20C509611.

At approximately 7:20 a.m. today, WPD officers responded to an auto theft just occurred call at a business in the 3400 block of South West Street after keys were left in a vehicle. The 14-year-old entered the vehicle and fled, striking the 22-year-old male vehicle owner in the process. The vehicle owner sustained minor injuries. WPD officers quickly located the stolen vehicle and arrested the 14-year-old without further incident. The 14-year-old was booked into the Juvenile Detention Facility for auto theft and aggravated battery. The case number on this incident is 20C509648.

At approximately 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, DPD officers arrested the 14-year-old juvenile in possession of a vehicle that had been stolen in Wichita on Saturday morning. The case number is 20C509495.

The 14-year-old has also been listed and cleared as a runaway eight times this month.

"Since the juvenile law changes, it has impacted our ability to address juvenile offenders swiftly," said Chief Gordon Ramsay. "This has been especially concerning during this pandemic. WPD will continue working with legislators and state associations to help address issues of juveniles who lack support, care, and oversight."

WPD wants to remind all citizens not to leave your vehicle running unattended and not to leave your keys in your car. Doing so makes you susceptible to becoming the victim of auto theft. Take extra time and ensure you keep yourself and your property safe.

The investigations are ongoing, and they will be presented to the Sedgwick County District Attorney's Office.